

## Listing of Claims

1           1.     (Previously presented)     A modular assembly for a hearing instrument,  
2     comprising:  
3           a faceplate;  
4           a battery door in the faceplate; and  
5           an electrical programming contact assembly partially affixed to the faceplate and  
6     generally adjacent and conforming to the contour of the battery door, where the electrical  
7     programming contact assembly is partially embedded in the faceplate.

1           2.     (Original)     An assembly as set forth in claim 1, where  
2     the faceplate comprises a generally rectangular opening; and  
3     the battery door resides within the generally rectangular opening.

1           3.     (Previously presented)     An assembly as set forth in claim 1, where the  
2     electrical programming contact assembly comprises at least one contact, where each  
3     contact comprises a contact portion and a terminal portion generally adjacent and  
4     conforming to the contour of the battery door, and an interconnection portion,  
5     interconnecting the contact and terminal portions, where the interconnecting portion is at  
6     least partially embedded in the faceplate.

1           4.     (Original)     An assembly as set forth in claim 3, where  
2     the faceplate comprises a generally rectangular opening; and  
3     the battery door resides within the generally rectangular opening.

1           5.     (Previously presented)     An electrical programming contact assembly for  
2     a faceplate of a hearing instrument, where the faceplate comprises a battery door and the  
3     assembly is partially affixed to the faceplate and generally adjacent and conforming to the  
4     contour of the battery door, where the electrical programming contact assembly is partially  
5     embedded in the faceplate.

1           6.     (Previously presented)     An assembly as set forth in claim 5, where  
2     the faceplate comprises a generally rectangular opening; and  
3     the battery door resides within the generally rectangular opening.

1           7.     (Previously presented)     An assembly as set forth in claim 5, where the  
2     electrical programming contact assembly comprises at least one contact, where each  
3     contact comprises a contact portion and a terminal portion generally adjacent and  
4     conforming to the contour of the battery door, and an interconnection portion,  
5     interconnecting the contact and terminal portions, where the interconnecting portion is at  
6     least partially embedded in the faceplate.

1           8.     (Previously presented)     An assembly as set forth in claim 7, where  
2     the faceplate comprises a generally rectangular opening; and  
3     the battery door resides within the generally rectangular opening.

1           9.     (Previously presented)     An electrical programming contact for a faceplate  
2 of a hearing instrument, where the faceplate comprises a battery door and the contact is  
3 partially affixed to the faceplate and generally adjacent and conforming to the contour of  
4 the battery door; where the contact is partially embedded in the faceplate.

1           10.   (Previously presented)     An electrical programming contact as set forth in  
2 claim 9, where  
3 the faceplate comprises a generally rectangular opening; and  
4 the battery door resides within the generally rectangular opening.

1           11.   (Previously presented)     An electrical programming contact as set forth in  
2 claim 9, where the electrical programming contact comprises a contact portion and a  
3 terminal portion generally adjacent and conforming to the contour of the battery door, and  
4 an interconnection portion, interconnecting the contact and terminal portions, where the  
5 interconnecting portion is at least partially embedded in the faceplate.

1           12.   (Previously presented)     An electrical programming contact as set forth in  
2 claim 11, where  
3 the faceplate comprises a generally rectangular opening; and  
4 the battery door resides within the generally rectangular opening.

1           13.   (Previously presented)     An assembly as set forth in claim 3, further  
2 comprising battery contacts and where the terminal portion of at least one of the contacts  
3 comprises a section extending to one of the battery contacts.

1           14.   (Previously presented)    An assembly as set forth in claim 13, where the  
2   section of the terminal portion extending to one of the battery contacts passes through  
3   the faceplate.

1           15.   (Previously presented)    An assembly as set forth in claim 7, where the  
2   hearing instrument further comprises battery contacts and where the terminal portion of at  
3   least one of the contacts comprises a section extending to one of the battery contacts.

1           16.   (Previously presented)    An assembly as set forth in claim 15, where the  
2   section of the terminal portion extending to one of the battery contacts passes through  
3   the faceplate.

1           17.   (Previously presented)    An electrical contact as set forth in claim 11, where  
2   the hearing instrument further comprises battery contacts and where the terminal portion  
3   of at least one of the contacts comprises a section extending to one of the battery contacts.

1           18.   (Previously presented)    An assembly as set forth in claim 17, where the  
2   section of the terminal portion extending to one of the battery contacts passes through  
3   the faceplate.